# THE SWORD INTERVAL

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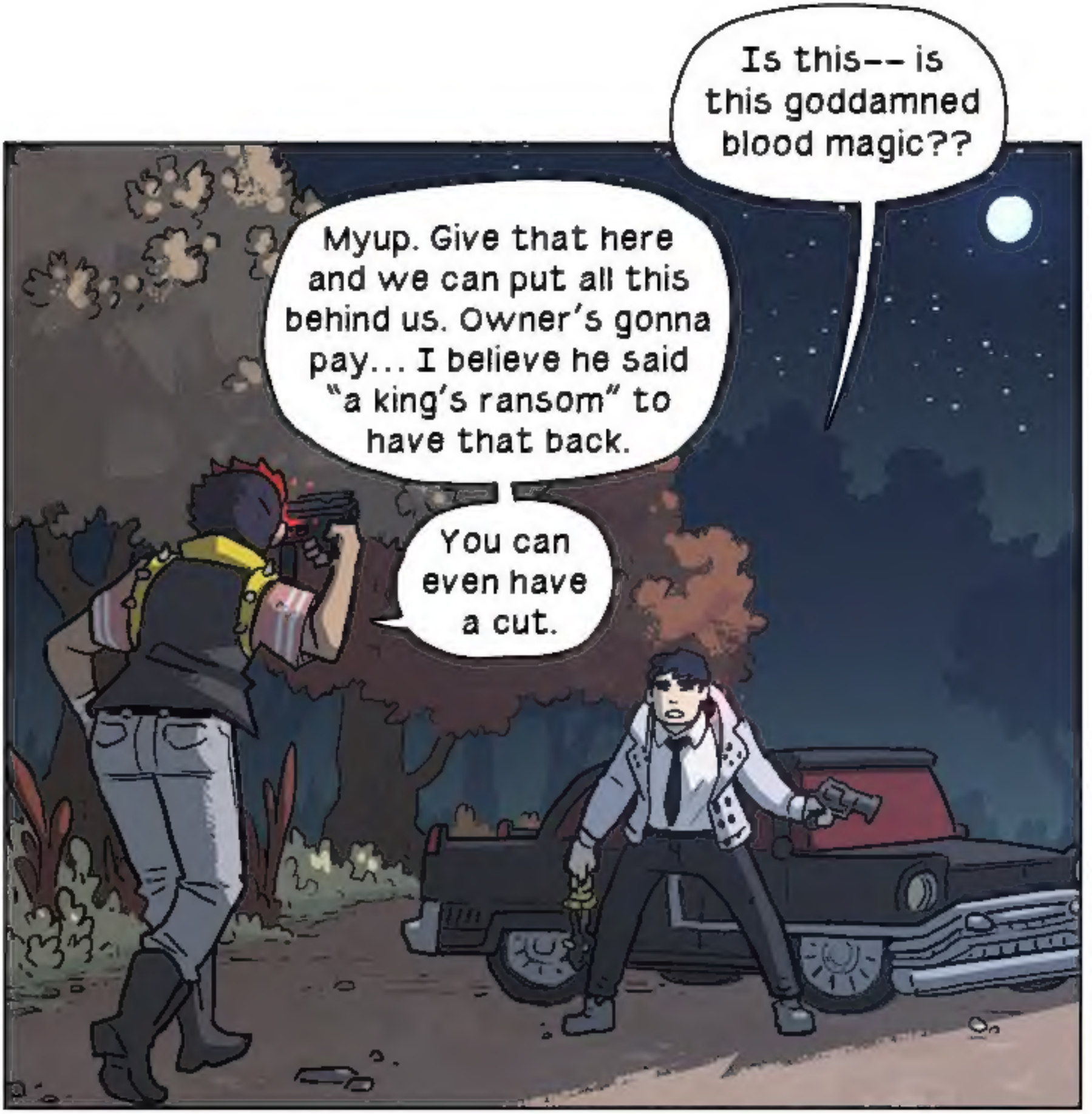

Is this-- is this goddamned blood magic??
Myup. Give that here and we can put all this behind us. Owner's gonna pay... I believe he said "a king's ransom" to have that back.
You can even have a cut.

Marco, listen.
You don't want this. The Medusa, she's using you to get what she wants.

She--

Oh-hohoho! She is, huh? Cause you know me and Yun so damn well?? You know what it's like to actually care about someone else's happiness??
Hell, you know what it is to be happy, David?

I didn't.
I didn't know for a long time...

Don't got a lotta time. I'll ask nice once more.
Hand.
It.
Over.
...Marco... There is no way you think this is better off in the hands of the Hierophant!

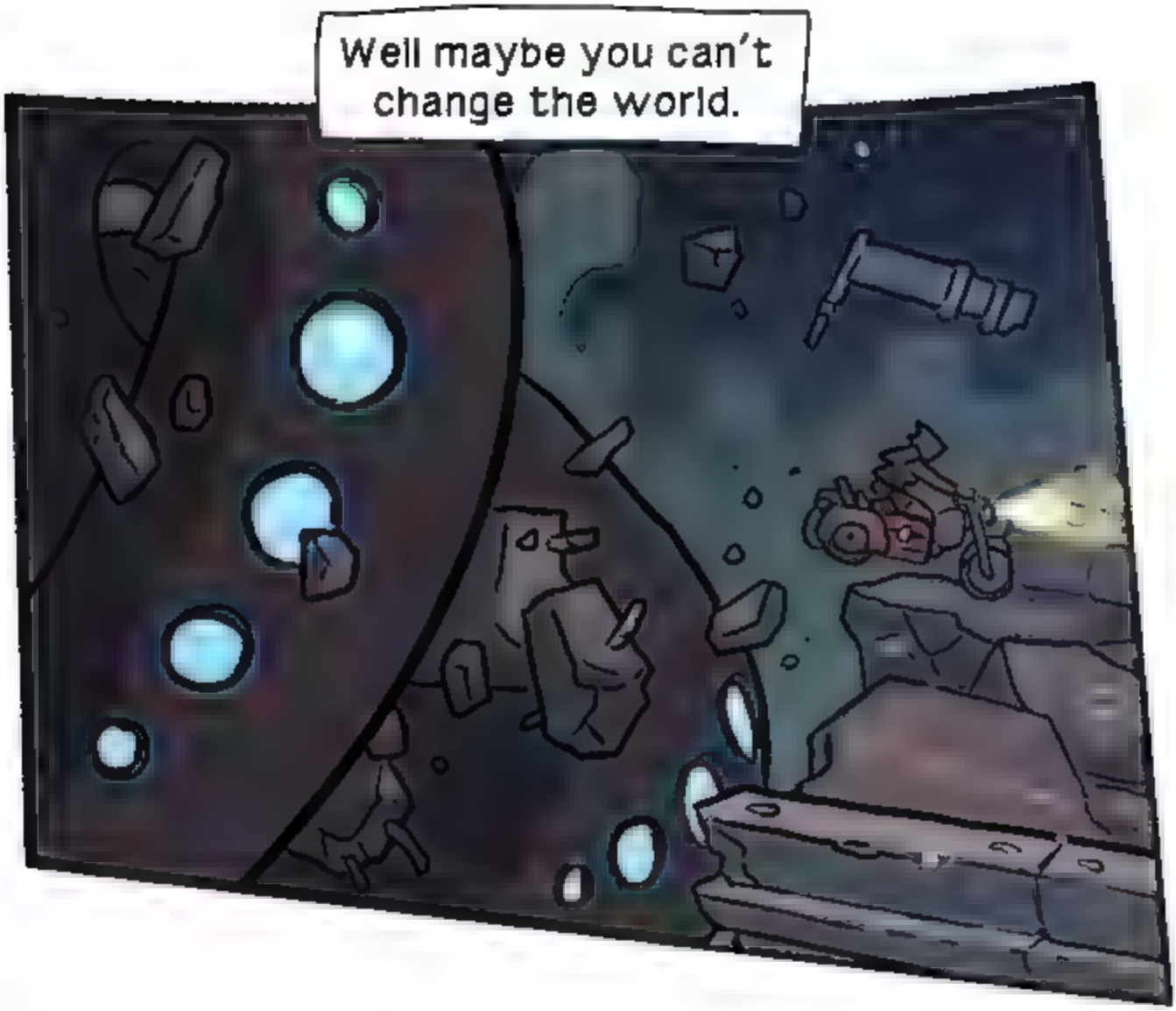
What, you doing this for *moral* reasons?
Come on. Hierophant? Atlas? What's it matter?
World's a garbage fire either way, man.

This... this freakin' narrative people like to believe about hunters being some sorta heroes?

Hell, you even said it yourself last we met – said no matter how many monsters we put down, nothing changes.

It's a lie dude.
It's a lie hunters tell themselves.

I thought you stopped believing it years ago.


Well maybe you can't change the world.

But you can... you can change yourself.

So I did.
And I found happiness. I finally, finally found it. And I'm sorry, but you're not gonna get in the way of that.
Nobody is.

Nobody.
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